

SUNSHINE AND MINE STOCKS

OPTIMIST ROBINSON HAS SCATTERED BOTH ABROAD.

Eastest Thing in the World to Make Money, He Explains—To Give a Dinner at the Waldorf To-night—He's Spent \$25,000 of His Own, He Says.

It is the eastest thing in the world to make money—William J. Robinson, chief optimist of the Optimist Club of America.

Of course it is, but you've got to know how. Robinson has the secret; he admits it, but he isn't putting it into practice in this Optimist Club undertaking.

Expensive business, this shedding of sunshine on other people's hearts, much more expensive than the average mining stock promoter would care to do. Robinson is \$25,000 out already (Robinson's word for it) and that doesn't include the great dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria to-night.

It is hoped that this dinner will be self-supporting. The optimists will pay \$5 a plate, but there is a possibility, of course, that the confidence of Robinson and his friends in the future will undergo a further test.

This dinner if it turns out as Optimist at Large Robinson expects, will be one of the most notable of its kind ever held in this city. It isn't often that one man succeeds in getting about 700 full grown New Yorkers to turn out and spend their money for a Waldorf banquet that is promoting nothing more tangible than mental sunshine.

Robinson himself said yesterday that he expected to have some of the strongest optimists of the country at the principal table. He mentioned among others John B. McDonald, Rufus B. Cowing, Henry Clews, the Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Slicer, R. H. Thomas, August Belmont, the Rev. Dr. Josiah Strong, Henry L. Stimson, former United States District Attorney; Charles Austen Bates, James F. Clarkson and John Temple Graves.

This Optimist Club idea, of which the banquet to-night will be the latest expression, germinated in Robinson's mind back in the fall of 1907, when the country was in the doldrums. Robinson at that time was out in Salt Lake City. He had carried cash out there to pay off men who were working on his Utah mining properties, but the panic came on and Salt Lake bank declined to give him the money. He joined a group of friends who were in almost as bad a fix and it was while listening to their doleful complaints that he saw the light.

Up to the time of this discovery Robinson's efforts in optimism seem to have been confined chiefly to the sale of mining stocks. Some of these were not calculated to cheer the soul of a pessimistic stockholder. In 1902 he was a partner in the firm of Benjamin C. Warnick & Co., of Philadelphia, which put out the Pennsylvania Manufacturing Company. Robinson was general manager of that company. It came to grief, and after the organization Robinson's and Benjamin Warnick's names were dropped from the list of the company's officers.

Robinson was treasurer of the San Luis Mining Company, a Walter S. Logan Corporation, whose affairs were in a financial tangle at the time of Logan's death. He was also connected with the British American Dredging Company, which owned private dredges and which this company didn't turn out profitable for the stockholders.

Robinson's latest mining venture is the Unity Mining Corporation, of which he is president. The company is working over the Continental Mines and Smelting Company, which was promoted by Guy C. Van Alstyne of Wall Street memory. Van Alstyne was a partner in the company for a time in this mining venture. The literature which was sent out over Robinson's name said that a circular issued by Van Alstyne in 1907 contained a statement attributed to Robinson that within three years the properties would be producing 2,000 tons of ore and concentrates per day. Mr. Robinson is still president of the company, and he said yesterday that they still were out to sell the stock, which would enable them to complete their aerial tramway to the smelters and put the properties on a good basis.

The name of the company was changed to the Optimist Club, but he made a clear statement yesterday that he really has no connection between the two.

There is only one thing in Mr. Robinson's programme of optimism from which he hopes to make money. That is the magazine which he intends to run in connection with the club. The idea of starting the magazine originated some time after the club came into being. The club already has a membership of more than 20,000 at \$1 each. For this the member gets besides the bond of fellowship, a "smile pin," a copy of the Optimist, and a copy of the Optimist's prayer. Optimist-at-Large Robinson says that the \$25,000 which he has given out to sell the stock in furthering this work has gone for office expenses and these symbols of membership.

He expects confidently that the membership roll will be increased eventually to 200,000. He declares that commercial organizations all over the country are doing a rushing business. Half a dozen clerks and stenographers are busy from morning to night. The Optimist at Large said yesterday that all the money left after paying the club's legitimate expenses would be spent in spreading the spirit of optimism among hospital patients, the inmates of penal institutions and other places. His interest in the club itself was purely philanthropic, but he did intend to make money out of the magazine. Its general aim, however, would be the same as that of the club. The man who took the magazine was simply getting a double dose of good cheer.

Only members of the club will be eligible to subscribe to this magazine. The Optimist at Large says he has 300,000 subscriptions in sight already. He intends to issue \$100,000 in stock, of which he will hold the majority. There will also be an issue of \$250,000 7 per cent. bonds. These bonds will carry a life membership in the Optimist Club and a life subscription to the magazine.

The application blanks for club membership also contain a printed form for the annual subscription to the Optimist Magazine, but the latter is optional, is optional. The Rev. Dr. Slicer is to edit the magazine.

Among other names that appear on the Robinson literature as members of the club's executive committee are Andrew Carnegie, Gov. John C. Cutler of Utah, Theodore Roosevelt, President and Mrs. Taft, Comptroller Metz, Dr. Josiah Strong and Mrs. Spencer Trask.

It was when Mr. Robinson's attention was called to the fact that the average promoter might find it difficult to spare \$25,000 on a little diversion like the Optimist Club that he remarked:

"It is the eastest thing in the world to make money."

MARC KLAU ON THE STAND

In His Effort to Punish the "Press" Editor for Criminal Libel.

A hearing on the criminal libel charge against Ervin Wardman, editor of the New York Press, was held before Magistrate Crane yesterday. Marc Klaw of the theatrical firm of Klaw & Erlanger, the complaining witness, was on the stand several hours.

The complaint is based upon a paragraph published in the Press on March 10 to the effect that Charles Jefferson, son of the late Joseph Jefferson, furnished the money for the original venture of the firm of Jefferson, Klaw & Erlanger, and that the members of the present firm forced Jefferson out of the business and appropriated to their own use the capital and brains of their associate.

A line of interrogation by the defence designed to show that this prosecution is part of a campaign by the Theatrical Managers Association to annoy and boycott the Press on account of its fight with Oscar Hammerstein was ruled out by the Magistrate as immaterial.

In giving the membership of the booking agency Mr. Klaw mentioned the names of Nixon and Zimmerman of Philadelphia, Charles Frohman, Al Hayman, Mr. Erlanger and himself. Plays are booked, he said, in 175 theatres throughout the country. His firm owns none of them absolutely, but is interested in a great many. When asked if he was positive this agency did not constitute a trust Mr. Klaw answered "No" with some vehemence.

Mr. Klaw said that as far as his recollection went Mr. Jefferson did not contribute a cent of the capital for the venture of the firm of Jefferson, Klaw & Erlanger, which was organized in 1890 and dissolved in 1908. He said that before Jefferson was admitted into the firm he and Erlanger conducted a booking agency called the Klaw & Erlanger Booking Agency, which was solely for the purpose of exploiting plays. The booking agency was kept as the separate business of the original firm, Jefferson likewise kept the management of his father's work and the production of a certain play as his separate business.

When asked to testify to the profits of his business Mr. Klaw's memory failed. He had no idea what they were in 1890 or in any single year back as far as 1880. To give him the opportunity to consult his auditor an adjournment was taken. The case will follow Magistrate Crane to his new assignment, which begins to-morrow.

Ex-Ancient District Attorney William Rankin, Jr., acted as counsel for Mr. Klaw. De Lancey Nicolai and Cornelius Sullivan represented Mr. Wardman.

"IT IS ON ME," SAID LOEB

ROOSEVELT AMENDS TESTIMONY IN PHOTOGRAPH SUIT.

At the Stenographer's Request He Went Over the Minutes and Then Recalled What Loeb Did Say—Also Changed What He Said About Mrs. Hampton.

Mr. Theodore Roosevelt had an afterthought before he sailed for Africa last week, and this after or better thought concerning the responsibility of William Loeb, Jr., for the appearance of the Roosevelt biography and the Roosevelt photograph in Col. William A. Dutton's publication, "Fads and Fancies." Mr. Roosevelt inserted in a corrected copy of his testimony which was taken before Referee Arthur Knox in Mr. Roosevelt's library at Oyster Bay on March 20.

In his original testimony Mr. Roosevelt had been reported by the law stenographers present as having said that when he called to the attention of Mr. Loeb the published statement that the biography and photograph had been voluntarily furnished by him to "Fads and Fancies" Loeb told him that he had never given such material for the use of Col. Mann's publication. Later, some weeks or months afterward, so Mr. Roosevelt believed, Loeb had come to him to admit that he had been mistaken and that in fact he, Loeb, had furnished that material to the book publishers.

"He used some expression so as to say that he had been caught," was the way Mr. Roosevelt explained the incident before the referee at Oyster Bay.

Before he sailed Mr. Roosevelt wished to change the wording in this context immediately affecting his former private secretary to read to the effect that Loeb had made the less incriminating remark, "It is on me," when admitting his fault. Also Mr. Roosevelt emphasized more than he had done before the natural forgetfulness of his secretary.

Mr. Roosevelt gave his testimony on Saturday. On the following day the stenographer transcribed his notes and on Monday Referee Knox went up to the offices of the Outlook Company with the transcript to see if Mr. Roosevelt wished in any way to alter or amend his utterances.

Mr. Roosevelt went carefully over the full bulk of the printed testimony, altering it in several minor instances and so completely changing the text regarding Loeb's connection with the "Fads and Fancies" affair as to necessitate the re-writing of that page of testimony by the stenographer.

This amended copy with the notes and erasures in the handwriting of the former President was filed with the County Clerk yesterday for use in the pending suit brought by the photographer, Peter A. Juley, against the Town Topics Publishing Company.

When Referee Knox took the typewritten transcript up to Mr. Roosevelt's office the day before he sailed he asked him the usual question, which was for incorporation in the record, "Do you wish to correct any part of this record of your testimony?"

Mr. Roosevelt declared positively that he did and he named two pages in the testimony in which his statements concerning Loeb's admission of guilt in the "Fads and Fancies" matter appeared.

"Yes, I desire to say that Mr. Loeb's expression was, 'It is on me,' and on another page the same thing occurs; his expression was 'It is on me'; when he assured me that he had sent no such letter the actual fact had naturally enough slipped his mind. And he then showed me the letter he had actually written. I am practically sure that he never showed me it until this amendment to his original answer in this context should be incorporated in the record to correct the question of the referee categorically he went over the text and corrected his first answer with interlinear emendations.

Placing Mr. Roosevelt's corrections as they appear in parentheses his answer to a question concerning his personal knowledge of the favor done for "Fads and Fancies" appears as follows:

As I say, there are so many letters, if I had seen any article was for Town Topics (I would not have signed it. But) in signing hundreds of letters prepared for me (I cannot be absolutely sure) that I have not signed one (although I am very confident that I never did). After this article appeared (but not before) Mr. Loeb (told me that he had had a correspondence with the man who prepared "Fads and Fancies," that was done without my knowledge. For some time Mr. Loeb (told me he knew nothing about it, he did not remember it and assumed that he had not (written such an article).

In another context the ex-President changed his testimony so that it would not seem to bear too heavily upon Mrs. Wade Hampton, who received from him a photograph which she turned over to "Fads and Fancies."

Mr. Roosevelt said in his original testimony that the photograph was a plan late ex-Senator Wade Hampton, whom he well knew, had asked him for a photograph. She did not say anything about the photograph, and in making her request, if she had done so, he would have said in the original text, very possibly (in the amended version, probably) he would not have given her the photograph, "and certainly I would not have given it if I had known the publication was connected with Town Topics."

The ex-President continued that after he had seen it announced in a New York paper as if on the authority of Col. Mann that Mrs. Hampton had procured that photograph for the book he also saw a statement in another paper purporting to be from Mrs. Hampton which said that if the President had given her the photograph in question he certainly did not know that it was for "Fads and Fancies."

"She wrote me saying that she had once stated that fact and now wouldn't I give her one for 'Fads and Fancies,' was the way Col. Roosevelt's original statement ran. He amended it to read this way:

"She wrote, expressing her regret and making a long explanation and asking for another photo."

HELPERS AS CLERKS.

Bellevue Intends to Keep Them—Research Bureau Criticizes.

The Bureau of Municipal Research sent out a statement yesterday repeating its protest against the employment by the board of trustees of Bellevue and the hospitals of persons listed as hospital clerks who are doing the work of clerks at the pay of clerks. Clerks would have to be selected from the civil service lists. The statement also said that the new payroll certificate which requires the officials to state the kind of work the various employees were doing was being used to do the work of clerks at the pay of clerks. It also stated that the civil service commission had refused to pay clerks who showed obvious violations of the law.

On behalf of the board of trustees of Bellevue it was said yesterday that no Bellevue payrolls have been held up and that there was no likelihood that any will be. It was also said that there is no intention of displacing those employees who through many years of service have become skilled in their duties.

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RETAIL COAL PRICES OUT.

Dealers, However, Wanted to Wait From the Railroads.

The Coal Merchants Association held a special meeting yesterday afternoon in the West Street Building to get out the summer schedules of the prepared sizes of anthracite, based on the April reduction of 50 cents a ton. These prices range about \$1.50 a ton over the wholesale prices of f. o. b. As some of the dealers thought that on account of the non-receipt of the official circulars of the companies announcing the reduction there might be some reservation, the meeting gave out the following guarded statement:

At a meeting of the retail coal dealers of Manhattan and The Bronx, held this afternoon at 90 West Street, the usual spring reduction of 50 cents a ton on the domestic sizes of anthracite coal was recommended, provided the wholesale companies make the same reduction, which it is thoroughly understood they will, although official notice to that effect has not yet been given out.

There is every reason to suppose that both the wholesale and retail prices will advance 10 cents a ton per month to equalize shipments up to and including September.

The retail prices for domestic sizes—broken, egg, stove and chestnut—would naturally be as follows: April, \$6; May, \$6.10; June, \$6.20; July, \$6.30; August, \$6.40; September and thereafter, \$6.50.

One of the dealers said that he thought it strange that the official circulars had not come from the companies. He gave it as his opinion that there might be a string to the reduction this year, and that the reduction might be recalled in case of a strike or shutdown.

The representatives of the companies said that the idea of a reservation being behind the notification of the reduction was absurd. A representative of the coal department of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company said:

"There is no difference in this and other years. We have to wait until the circulars are printed and pending this our notification to the dealers is enough."

Just then the D. L. & W. circulars arrived from the printers and some of them were sent out. The circular, which was on the letter head of the D. L. & W. coal department and is dated April 1, reads:

The prices for this company's coal delivered f. o. b. vessels at Hoboken are as follows: Grade, \$4.75; egg, \$5; stove, \$5; chestnut, \$5, per gross ton of 2,240 pounds. On all tonnage of above sizes delivered to your order during the month of April, 1909, a discount from above prices of 50 cents a ton will be allowed.

J. H. Anson, Sales agent.

It was announced on behalf of the companies that a conference will take place between the conference committees of seven of the operators and mine workers on April 7 in the offices of the Philadelphia company in Philadelphia. Pending this conference there is to be no strike or shutdown.

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Individual Flat Ware	Miscellaneous
Coffee Spoons, gilt bowls, formerly \$7.00 per doz., at.....	Grape Fruit Glasses, cut glass with silver mountings, formerly \$13.00, at.....
Orange Spoons, formerly \$16.00 per doz., at.....	Cigarette Cases, etched and otherwise decorated, formerly \$24.00, at.....
Ice Cream Spoons, formerly \$12.00 per doz., at.....	Ice Cream Dish, formerly \$88.00, at.....
Five O'clock Tea Spoons, formerly \$6.50 per doz., at.....	Asparagus Dish, formerly \$113.00, at.....
Nut Picks, formerly \$11.50 per doz., at.....	Chafing Dish, plain with padlock border, ivory handle, formerly \$200, at.....
Salad Forks, gilt tines, formerly \$22.00 per doz., at.....	After Dinner Coffee Set, Colonial design, 3 pieces, formerly \$87.00, at.....
Flat Ware	5 Piece Tea Set and Kettle, flower chased, formerly \$275.00, at.....
Tea Spoons, formerly \$7.50 per doz., at.....	Very handsome rose chased Tea Set, 5 pieces, Kettle and Waiter, formerly \$1,000, at.....
Table Spoons, formerly \$21.00 per doz., at.....	Fruit Dishes and Bowls
Soup Spoons, formerly \$19.00 per doz., at.....	Formerly \$15.00, now.....
Table Forks, formerly \$21.00 per doz., at.....	" \$56.00 ".....
Tea Knives, plated blades, formerly \$17.00 per doz., at.....	" \$59.00 ".....

The above examples are given merely to indicate the character of reductions. They do not indicate the scope of the sale.

CUBAN GOVERNMENT STABLE. IT'S A HOSPITAL ON WHEELS.

Bellevue's New Auto Ambulance Brings in Its First Patient.

An automobile ambulance was put in service at Bellevue Hospital yesterday. It is a \$4,600 car of 20 horse-power and said to be able to do more than sixty miles an hour.

The auto is equipped with emergency appliances of all kinds, making it a small travelling hospital. The enclosed part is lighted by electricity and heated by steam. Dr. Newman went out with the machine on its first call and brought Annie Oswitz from 120 Lewis street to the psychopathic ward.

The driver of the auto ambulance is to be paid \$100 a month, which is \$40 more a month than the drivers of the horse drawn ambulances receive.

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Bulletin.

EASTER OUTINGS.

Easter is the beginning of the outing season—a time when the desire for a change becomes rife. It affords a little holiday that makes the world brighter and work a little easier. In planning an outing the thought naturally turns to the seashore.

ASBURY PARK—Five trains each way every week-day, one Saturday only train going, and two trains going and three returning on Sundays make this ever attractive resort easy of access. Excursion tickets \$1.70.

ATLANTIC CITY—Through express trains leave at 9.55 A. M. and 2.55 P. M. week-days; 1.25 P. M. Friday and Saturday, April 2 and 3, week-days April 5 to 10, and Saturdays only until end of the season; and 7.55 A. M. Sundays only. Excursion tickets \$5.00.

OLD POINT COMFORT—This popular resort is especially attractive at Easter time. Night train with sleeping car via the Pennsylvania Railroad's "Cape Charles Route," leaves New York at 8.55 P. M. daily. Day train with parlor cars leaves at 7.25 A. M. week-days. Excursion tickets \$14.30.

CAPE MAY, WILDWOOD, and OCEAN CITY, N. J., also appeal to the Easter vacationist, and the train service is convenient. Excursion tickets to Cape May or Wildwood \$5.50; Ocean City \$5.25.

Consult Ticket Agents.

Obituary Notes.

John W. Wilson, a leading Baptist layman in Brooklyn, died on Monday at his home, 433 Sixth street, in his sixtieth year. He had been associated with the city and county house of C. J. Lawrence & Sons of Wall street for thirty-five years. He was president of the Baptist Social Union and treasurer of the Greenwood Baptist Church. He survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.

J. Franklin Crowell, who was attorney of the town of Kearny, N. J., for twelve years, died early yesterday morning in a hospital in Newark from the effects of a fall on the sidewalk near his home last week when he fractured his skull. He was a member of the Newark Baptist Church and was 87 years old and is survived by four children. He was graduated from Columbia College in 1878.

R. Ballerstein, for years one of Hartford's foremost business men and one of the oldest merchants in that city, died last Monday night after a long illness. He was in the seventy-fifth year of his age, and besides his wife he is survived by two brothers living in Germany and one sister, Mrs. Laudauer, of this city.

Bernard Green, who was the street cleaning contractor in the city of Brooklyn more than half a century ago, died on Sunday at his home, 200 Furman place, in his eighty-eighth year. He had occupied the home for sixty years. He was a civil war veteran and a volunteer fireman.

John E. Herrel, president of the National Capital Bank of Washington, died at his residence on Capitol Hill last night. Herrel was identified prominently with business affairs in Washington for a quarter of a century. He was 73 years old.